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09/787819**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to our names, Kurt Kemper and Gunter Otto

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT OF WORKPIECES AND THEIR USE**, the specification of which [ ] is attached hereto OR [ x ] was filed on March 23, 2001.

We hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**Prior Foreign Application(s):**

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Day/Month/Year filed</u> |
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| 198 43 630.0  | Germany        | September 23, 1998          |
| 198 57 626.9  | Germany        | December 14, 1998           |

**Priority Claimed**

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

**Prior Provisional Application(s):**

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**Prior U. S. Application(s):**

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| 09/787,819        | March 23, 2001     | Pending                                     |

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